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III. NEW ITEMS:

ACTUAL TIME: 1:14 P.M.

RECUSALS: To avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest, Commissioner Bartlett recused himself due to working on a neighboring project.

A. WESTERN SIDE OF 600-800 BLOCK OF MILPAS STREET, C-2 ZONE DISTRICT, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: RESIDENTIAL (MST2008-00228)

City staff is proposing a General Plan Amendment which involves lots between Cota and Canon Perdido Streets, located on the west side of Milpas Street, which are currently zoned Commercial (C-2) and are designated Residential under the General Plan. The proposed General Plan Amendment would change the General Plan designation from Residential to General Commerce. The proposed designation would only apply to those lots that are currently zoned C-2 and no change is proposed to this zoning. The Planning Commission initiated the General Plan Amendment on June 12, 2008 and will now consider recommending to City Council adoption of the proposed General Plan Amendment.

The discretionary applications required for this project are:

1. A General Plan Map Amendment to change the General Plan Land Use Element and Map for the designated area from Residential, 12 units/acre, to General Commerce (SBMC §28.07).

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Guidelines Section 15305, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations, which consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density.

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Peter Lawson, Associate Planner, gave the Staff presentation.

Staff clarified for the Planning Commission the action being taken today as the recommendation to City Council of adoption of the General Plan Map Amendment, whereas the earlier Planning Commission action in June was solely an initiation of the amendment.

MOTION: Jostes/Thompson

Assigned Resolution No. 037-08

Recommended the adoption of the General Plan Map amendment to City Council.

This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Bartlett)

Chair Myers announced the ten calendar day appeal period.

ACTUAL TIME: 1:22 P.M.

B. **APPLICATION OF TRISH ALLEN AGENT FOR JOHNMAN HOLDING LLC, 15 S. HOPE AVENUE, 051-040-058 COMMERCIAL (C-2/SD-2) ZONE, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: GENERAL COMMERCE (MST2006-00682)**

The project consists of the demolition of an existing 8,368 square foot single story commercial building and construction of a new three story mixed use building with underground parking. The proposed 28,005 square foot building would be comprised of sixteen residential condominiums and one 1,150 square foot commercial condominium. The height of the building would be approximately 40 feet. Two of the units would be designated as moderate income affordable housing as required by the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. While not required, an additional unit would be provided and designated as upper middle income.

The project includes a request for two Modifications. The first Modification is to reduce the required 20 foot front setback, in order to allow a portion of the first and second floor, a fountain, a planter and parking spaces. A lot area Modification is also being requested to allow two moderate income affordable units on the lot under the Bonus Density provision.

Access to the site would be provided by a driveway from Hope Avenue to a surface parking lot for the commercial use and also to an underground garage. A secondary driveway that connects to State Street would become an emergency access lane and a pedestrian path for the residents of the development. A total of 40 parking spaces would be provided, which includes five spaces in a surface parking lot. Additionally, six bicycle parking spaces will be provided. A four-foot wide public dedication along the front property line would be provided for additional sidewalk area.

The project includes a 35 foot setback from the top-of-bank of Arroyo Burro Creek, which would also be part of the required 15% common open space. The project includes restoration of Arroyo Burro Creek, which will be consistent with the restoration plan being developed on the adjacent lot on the east side of the bank. A 28" Eucalyptus tree would be removed and the 30" Oak tree adjacent to Arroyo Burro Creek would remain.